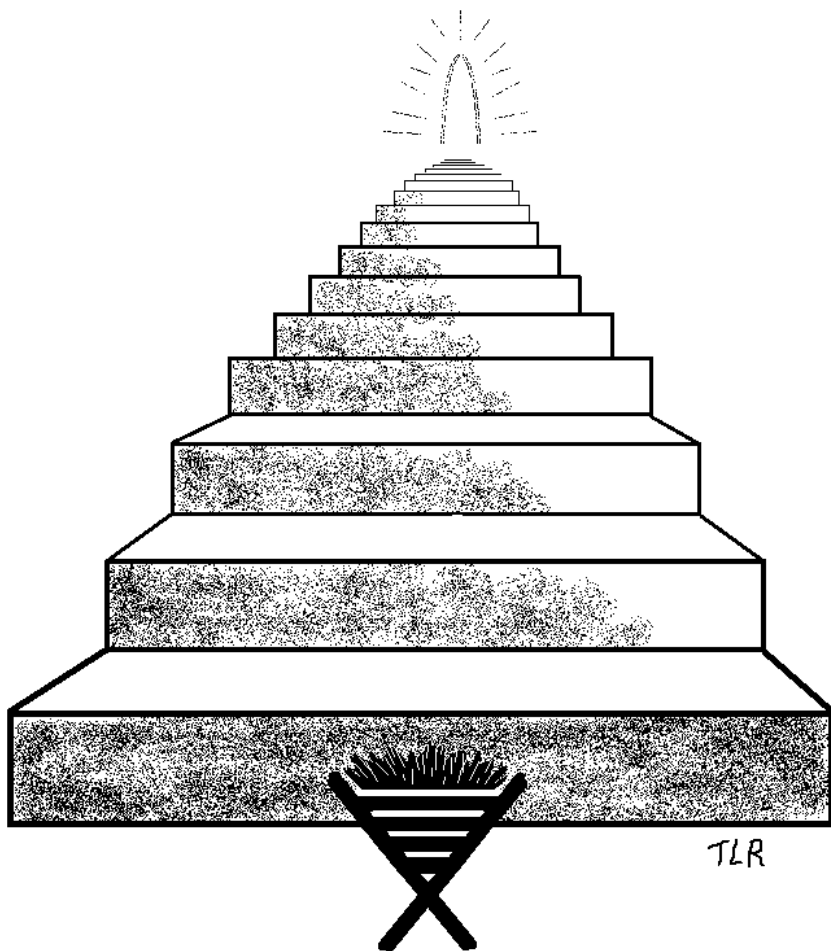


A BLESSED CONDESCENSION: THE CHRIST BEFORE CHRISTMAS



"HAVE THIS WAY OF THINKING IN YOURSELVES WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO, ALTHOUGH EXISTING IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED, BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, BY TAKING THE FORM OF A SLAVE, BY BEING MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN." — PHP. 2:5-7 (LSB)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
DECEMBER THE 22ND, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-second Day of December, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

This week we are having our annual Christmas Quiz!

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship: * *"Go Tell it on the Mountain"* (#127; refrain only)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Angels we have heard on High"* (#136).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5; 10-14.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special Music: Anna, Nevaeh, & Junior (*"Joy to the World"*).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"* (#122).

Dismissal for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"BLESSED CONDESCENSION: CHRIST BEFORE CHRISTMAS."*

Closing Hymn: * *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* (#124).

Benediction.*

**Please stand, if able.*



Week of Dec. 15 – Dec. 21

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15;

Midweek—4; Offering—\$906.⁰⁰;

Video (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube): "God's Christmas Tree"—157 views

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DECEMBER EVENTS



Our special candlelight **Christmas Eve Service** will be on Tuesday evening, **Dec. 24**, at **7:00 PM**. Please invite friends to share in the worship of our wonderful Savior and in the warmth of traditional carols, special readings, and in the glow of our collective fellowship!



Kathy Sloan and her staff from the **Child Evangelism Fellowship** will be with us on **Friday, Dec. 27**, from **10:00 AM to Noon** for a **Christmas Party** event for young people (Preschool through Elementary School Age).

Please be inviting any interested parties!



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with **"African Mission"** indicated in the Memo!)



AFRICA UPDATE

Pastor Keith Merriman: Dec. 18, 2024

Dear beloved brethren,

I just got off the phone with **Pastor Salomon**. He and **Pastor Paul** and **Cedrik, Roger**, and **Gustave** are in **Sangmelima** looking for a place to begin the new church plant. Pray the Lord will help them to find a suitable location. While there, a bus with 35 people hit a car carrying a military man and his wife. The man was killed and his wife is in the hospital. Pray she will survive and be saved.

The next stop for the team will be **Woabete** (also a new church plant); they will have Bible study there tonight.

Also please pray for the many pastors from around Cameroon who will be attending the **Pastors' Conference** in **Yaounde** the next few days. Pray for journey mercies and for wisdom and unity as they meet.

Recently we were able to purchase **50 cases of theological books** (35 books per case - MacArthur theology and commentaries, all in French) for \$60 a case!! Value of the books in each case about \$500!! the books were subsidized by a ministry in Canada. Salomon met the man who brought them over from Canada and we were able to get a box for most of the pastors in Cameroon. He will pass them out tomorrow at the ministerial meeting. What a blessing for those men! Thanks for all your gifts and prayers!

May you have a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!
God bless, Keith

